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Attached is [redacted] forwarded as received.

[redacted] Comment: Throughout the report, read Mishne-Isetskiy for  
Mishne-Izetaki.

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1. Between April 1951 and June 1953, twin-engine transports took off daily from the airfield 1.5 to 2 km southeast of P<sup>W</sup> Camp No 6118/H in Nishne-Izetski (5645 N/6042 E), at intervals of about 1 hour and in all kinds of weather. <sup>1</sup> Soviet civilians stated that the aircraft were only used for the transportation of special steel, allegedly iridium, from Sverdlovsk (5650 N/6037 E) to Moscow. <sup>2</sup> Four-engine aircraft daily crossed over the field 3 or 4 times from southeast to northwest. Landings by these aircraft were not seen at the field. <sup>3</sup> The four-engine aircraft were low-wing or mid-wing monoplanes with in-line engines and single rudder assembly which was comparatively large. The leading edges of the wings were fitted at a right angle to a considerably slim fuselage. The nose compartment was long and slim. A step was noticed in the nose. See Annex 2. <sup>25X1</sup>
2. Beginning in early 1953, single-jet and twin-jet aircraft were daily seen in connection with the airfield. At first, up to 9 single-jet aircraft were observed. Beginning approximately in March 1953, single-jet aircraft were seldom seen while twin-jet aircraft were observed more frequently. The aircraft with one jet engine were called "flying triangle". <sup>25X1</sup> The twin-jet aircraft presumably were mid-wing monoplanes with swept-back wings and elevator assembly, lightly rounded off wing tips, and with a considerable slim fuselage. The two engines were fitted at approximately one third of the way out from wings roots. The engine nacelles projected about equally beyond the leading and trailing edges of the wings. Air intake and air exhaust apertures were definitely seen. The aircraft were painted silver gray. <sup>3</sup> <sup>25X1</sup>
1. Comment. According to available information <sup>25X1</sup> two airfields are located east and southeast of Nishne-Izetski. The pin-point location of the airfields is not known. <sup>25X1</sup> The present report indicates that one of the two airfields is located 1.5 to 2 km east-southeast of Nishne-Izetski. For location sketch of this airfield, see Annex 1. According to reliable information the field is located just west of the single-track railroad line which extends from triangulation point 765 to the south and terminates south of the small lake between Nishne-Izetski

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and Bolshoi Istok. The co-ordinates of the location are 60°45' E/56° 54' N.

2.  Comment. The information that twin-engine aircraft were used for the transportation of material to Moscow is received for the first time. It is known that iridium is either obtained or processed in Sverdlovsk. 25X1
3.  Comment. The four-engine aircraft which were repeatedly mentioned in previous reports presumably are Tu-4s. For sketch of aircraft, see Annex 2, sketch 1. The reported single-jet aircraft, called "flying triangle" are unknown. For sketch, see sketch 3 on Annex 2. It is assumed that these single-jet aircraft have the features of the aircraft shown in sketch 2 of Annex 3. It is not known whether individual experimental aircraft of this type were flown. According to other reports covering the same period, MiG-15s flew in the Sverdlovsk area. The detailed description of the twin-jet aircraft is noteworthy because other reports also mentioned aircraft of this type. The described twin-jet aircraft presumably is not identical with the type 39 aircraft but differs from this type in the following features: Cross section of fuselage round and not oval; engines fitted farther toward the wing tips; rudder assembly apparently higher than that of type 39 aircraft; wing tips slightly rounded off.

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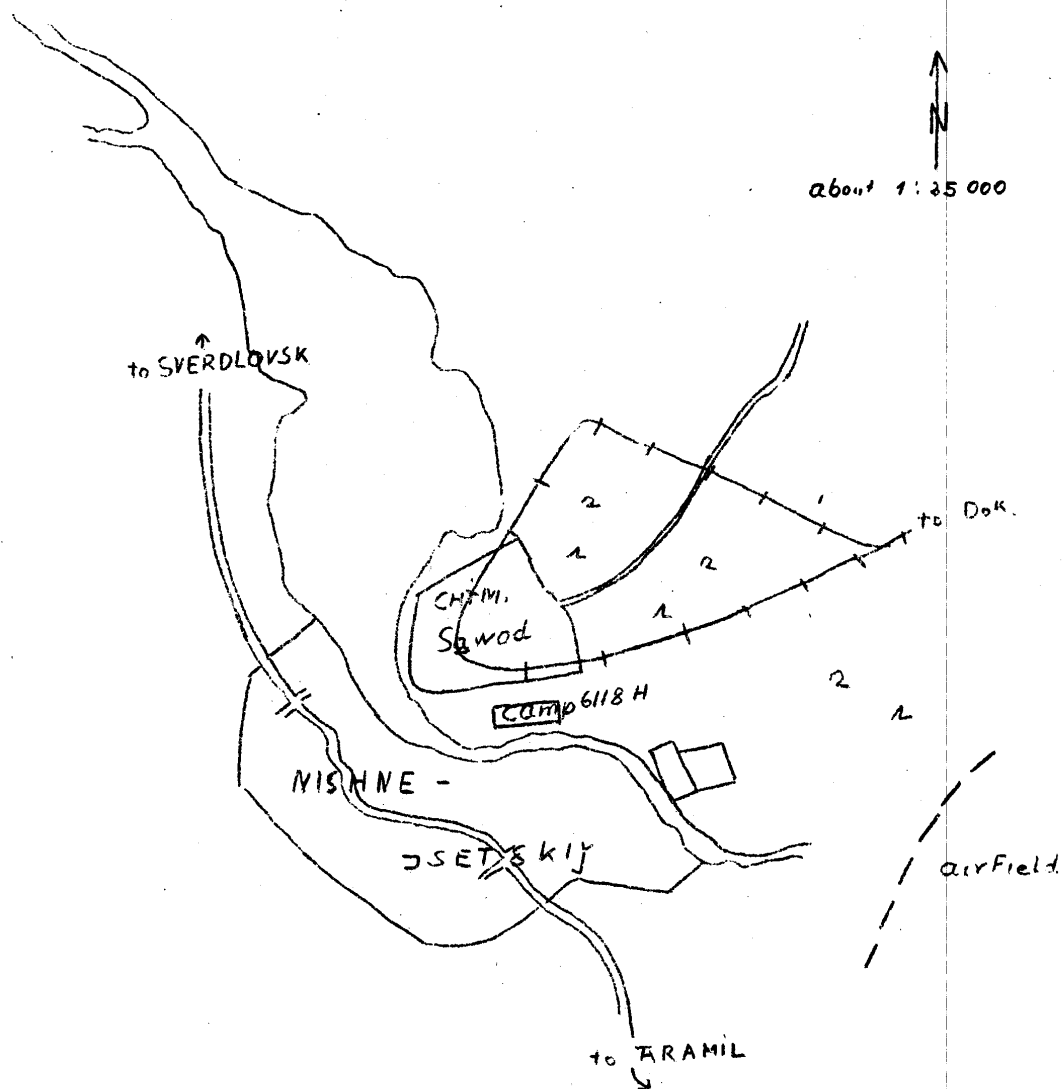
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Location Sketch of Airfield Located East-Southeast of Nishne-Izetski



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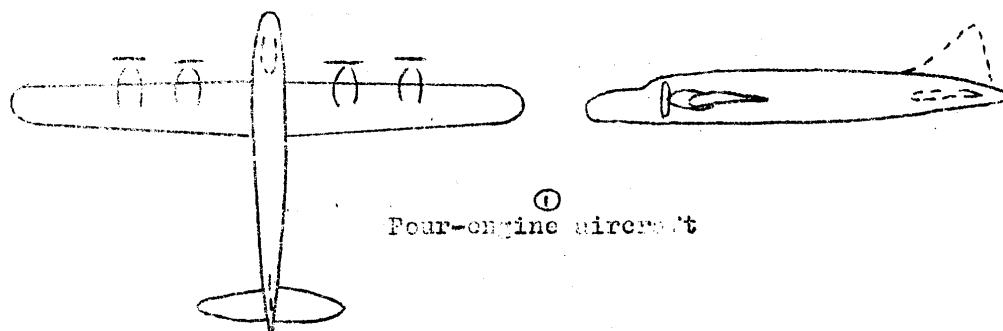
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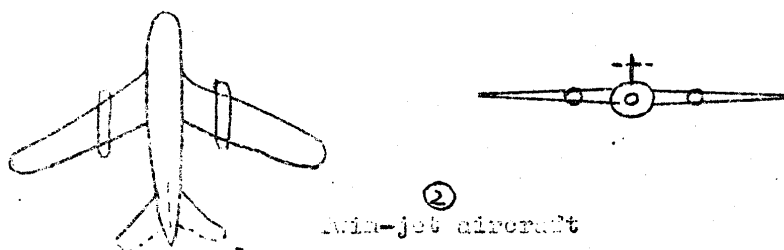
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Aircraft Types Observed Over Sverdlovsk



①  
Four-engine aircraft



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Twin-jet aircraft



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Single-jet aircraft, called "flying triangle"

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